

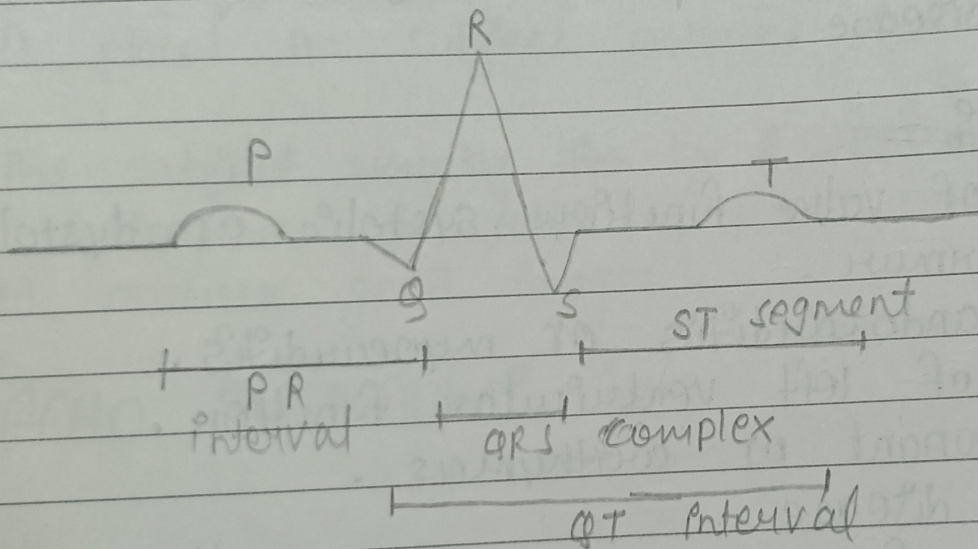
ECG

[Electrocardiogram] -

ECG is a technique by which the electrical activities of the heart are studied.

electrocardio graph - This is the instrument with which the electrical activity of the heart are recorded.

electrocardio gram - This is record or graphical representation of the electrical activity of the heart.



* ECG leads - An ECG machine use the information it collect by it's 4 limbs & 6 chest electrode.

- 1) RA [right arm] or wrist . -
- 2) LA [left arm] .
- 3) LL [left leg] . lower .
- 4) RL right lower leg .
- 5) LL - left leg .

- B₁ - 4th intercostal space - right sternal border
B₂ - left 4th intercostal space - left sternal margin.
B₃ - mid way b/w the B₂ & B₄
B₄ - apex beat [5th intercostal space - mid clavicuar line]
B₅ - ant. axillary line [left side] in straight with B₄
B₆ - mid axillary line straight line with B₄ & B₅.

* ECG Recordings :-

By convention the main waves on the ECG are giving the names P, Q, R, S, T.

1. P wave - It is a (+)^{ve} & 1st wave. & positive of ECG or long wave.

→ It is also called atrial complex.

Causes :-

this is recorded due to 'depolarization' of atrial musculature.

Duration - 0.1 sec

Amplitude - 0.1 to 0.12 mV.

2. QRS complex :- This is also called initial ventricular complex.

→ Q wave is small & negative wave.

→ R wave tall & positive.

→ S wave small / short or negative.

Causes :-

QRS complex is obtained because of the depolarization of ventricular musculature.

Duration - 0.08 to 0.12 sec.

amplitude - 0.1 to 0.2 mV

R wave - 1 mV

S wave - 0.4 mV

3) T wave :- It is final ventricular complex wave is (+)ve & tall wave.

causes -

1. ventricular muscular repolarization.

duration - .2 sec.

amp. - 0.3 mV.

4) PR interval :- It is the interval b/w the onset of 'P wave' & the onset of 'Q wave'.

Significant :-

1) atrial depolarization & conduction of impulses through AV nodes.

duration - 0.18 sec.

5) QT interval :- This is the interval b/w the onset of 'Q wave' & the ^{end} onset of 'T wave'.

Significant -

- shows ventricular depolarization & ventricular re-polarization -

duration 0.4 to 0.42 sec.

6) ST Segments - The time interval b/w the end of S wave & the onset of T wave.

duration - 0.08 sec.

EG ECG changes in pathological conditions

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Condition	ECG changes
acute MI	ST segment elevate.
MI ischemic	T inverted.
atrial fibrillation	P wave barely abs-
(cardiac muscle)	-ent.
right atrial enlarg-	tall P wave.
-ment	
mitral valve	broad, or bifid.
disease	P wave.
ischemic heart	
disease.	Prolonged PR Interval.
left ventricular	
hypertrophy	deep Q wave.
right ventricular	
hypertrophy	ST segment depression
	or P wave inversion.
pericardial effusion	
	Small T wave.
hyperkalemia	
(heart muscle \uparrow Ca ²⁺)	Shorter QT Interval
hypocalcemia.	longer QT Interval

$\dot{V}O_2$ max. :- It is the highest O_2 uptake of an individual at sea level the stroke volume become maximum at sub-maximal work load. when the $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ is 14% to 60% (cardiac output) after this stroke volume is stabilize & the COP is effected